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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116.
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING
GROUP 2834**

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Application of :
Akira YAMAUCHI et al. :
Serial No. 09/700,640 : Group Art Unit - 2834
Filed: December 29, 2000 : Examiner - Joseph Waks
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In response to the final Office Action dated January 8, 2003, applicants request reconsideration of their application, without amendment, as follows:

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, the Examiner objected to certain amendments made to the specification in the previous response under 35 U.S.C. §132 as introducing "new matter" into the disclosure, and applicants were required to cancel the new

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